GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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JOBS TO AGRICULTURE GRADUATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed agriculture graduates in the country and the initiatives being taken by the Government to provide them jobs in agriculture sector;

(b) whether the Government propose to utilize their services for propagation and publicity of new agriculture technology and agriculture research; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) As per the projections available from the State Government/Universities about 5000-6000 graduates in agriculture and allied fields are unemployed in the country. Further it takes 6 months to 3 years for a Graduate/Post-Graduate in Agriculture to get gainful employment in Public/Private Sector.

The Agriculture Policy has been formulated by Government of India which will address to the issue of enhancement of employment potentials. Further, the Government of India has drafted a Central Sector Scheme for establishment of network of Agriculture and Agri-business Centre for an outlay of Rs. 165.00 crores to allow the graduates to establish Agri-clinics/Agri-business Centre in rural conditions for which a loan of Rs. 10.00 lakhs would be provided through banks. 25% of the loan would be provided in form of Government subsidies. Initially, it iS proposed to extend this scheme to 5000 graduates.

(b) & (c): Through the medium of Krishi Vigyan Kendras under Rural Agriculture Work Experience Programme graduates are being involved in propagation and transfer of technology.